





**HAYDOCK**  
**Urban District Council.**

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**ANNUAL REPORT**

OF THE

**Medical Officer of Health**

**1944.**

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To the Chairman and Members of the Haydock  
Urban District Council.

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COUNCIL OFFICES,

HAYDOCK.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report upon the health of the District, including that of the Sanitary Inspector, for the Year 1944, in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

S. K. APPLETON,

Medical Officer of Health.

Area (acres)	-	-	-	-	-	-	2395
Estimated population	-	-	-	-	-	-	10800
Number of inhabited houses	-	-	-	-	-	-	2760
Rateable Value	-	-	-	-	-	-	£37,560
Sum represented by a 1d. rate	-	-	-	-	-	-	£137

The occupation of the working population is principally coal mining and engineering in connection with collieries.

#### VITAL STATISTICS.

	M.	F.	Total.
Live Births—Total	124	111	235
Still Births—Total	1	3	4
Deaths—Total	59	45	104

There were no deaths from maternal causes.

There were 11 deaths of infants under one year of age—6 males and 5 females.

#### HEALTH SERVICES.

##### HEALTH STAFF—

Medical Officer of Health (Part time):

Dr. R. W. ELDRIDGE, M.D., B.Sc., Ch.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.,  
D.P.H., D.P.A.

Sanitary Inspector:

J. EVANS, A.R.San.I., Cert. R.S.I., San. Sc. & Meat (L'pool)

##### GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES AND SANITATION—

The Child Welfare Centre and School Clinic in Haydock are under the Lancashire County Council. They are both well attended.

##### HOUSING.

No houses were built during the year.

386 Sanitary inspections were made for housing defects and other matters.

224 preliminary notices were served. No statutory notices were required.

## FOOD INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION.

## Cowsheds and Dairies.

Number of Cowkeepers	...	...	...	13
„ Purveyors of Milk	...	...	...	2
„ Inspections made	...	...	...	65
„ Milch Cows in the district	...	...	...	212

40 samples of milk were examined for tuberculosis with two positive results.

Animals intended for human food are examined at the time of slaughter, and shops, vans and premises are inspected frequently.

Animals examined :—

Pigs	...	...	55
Meat Condemned	...	...	Nil

## INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

There was an increase in notifications mainly due to Measles and an unusually high incidence of Scarlet Fever which persisted throughout the year. The type was mild and there were no deaths. 117 cases of Scarlet Fever was the highest incidence for over twenty years. There was a generally high incidence of the disease throughout the country in 1944,

DIPHTHERIA. 20 cases of Diphtheria were notified. When the final diagnosis was made, however, it was found in 5 cases that the disease was not true Diphtheria. The correct number therefore is 15.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST  
DIPHTHERIA.

Sessions were continued at which injections were given by Private Practitioners to children of school age and under. Each child had two injections of A.P.T. prophylactic.

No. IMMUNISED  
DURING 1944.

Pre-school children	...	183
School children	...	13
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At the end of 1944, it was estimated that about 73 per cent. of schoolchildren and 80 per cent of children under school age had been immunised.

Causes of Death				Males	Females	Total
All causes	...	...	...	59	45	104
Typhoid and paratyphoid fevers	...	...	...	—	—	—
Cerebro-spinal Fever	...	...	...	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	—	—	—
Diphtheria	...	...	...	—	—	—
Tuberculosis of Respiratory system	...	...	...	3	—	3
Tuberculosis—Other forms	...	...	...	1	1	2
Syphilis	...	...	...	—	—	—
Influenza	...	...	...	—	—	—
Measles	...	...	...	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis and Polio Encephalitis	...	...	...	—	—	—
Acute Inf. Encephalitis	...	...	...	1	—	1
Cancer—all forms	...	...	...	10	8	18
Diabetes	...	...	...	—	2	2
Intra-Cran: Vasc: lesions	...	...	...	6	6	12
Heart Disease	...	...	...	16	16	32
Other Circulatory Diseases	...	...	...	—	—	—
Bronchitis	...	...	...	—	—	—
Pneumonia	...	...	...	3	2	5
Other Respiratory Diseases	...	...	...	1	—	1
Peptic Ulcer	...	...	...	1	—	1
Diarrhœa, &c. (under 2 years)	...	...	...	2	—	2
Appendicitis	...	...	...	1	—	1
Other Digestive Diseases	...	...	...	2	—	2
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	...	...	...	4	1	5
Puerperal Sepsis	...	...	...	—	—	—
Other maternal causes	...	...	...	—	—	—
Congenital Debility, Premature Birth, Malformations, &c.	...	...	...	3	4	7
Suicide	...	...	...	1	—	1
Road Traffic Act	...	...	...	—	—	—
Other Violence	...	...	...	2	1	3
All Other Causes	...	...	...	2	4	6

## NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING 1944.

There were 417 cases notified during the year excluding Tuberculosis. This table shows the number of infectious diseases notified and the number of cases removed to hospital. There were five deaths.

DISEASE	Total cases at all Ages	CASES NOTIFIED YEARS											Total Deaths	Total cases removed to Hospital	
		Under 1	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45			65 & over
Scarlet Fever	117	...	3	7	10	10	51	25	5	5	1	...	...	...	112
*Diphtheria	*20	...	...	...	...	2	6	1	6	5	...	...	...	...	20
Puerpecal Pyrexia	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
Measles	232	21	24	27	29	37	91	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
Whooping Cough	20	4	3	2	2	5	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dysentery	2	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Pneumonia	16	...	...	1	1	1	4	1	2	2	1	1	2	5	5
Erysipelas	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2	3	2	...	3
TOTALS...	417	25	31	38	42	55	156	29	15	14	4	4	4	5	144

\*The finally corrected figure is 15.



## TUBERCULOSIS.

Under the Tuberculosis Regulations 15 new cases of respiratory and 7 of other forms of Tuberculosis were notified. There were 3 deaths from Tuberculosis of the respiratory system and 1 from non-respiratory. The figures shewing number notified and number of deaths are tabulated below :—

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Years								
0	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	...	...	1	2	..	...	1	...
5	...	1	2	...	...	...	...	1
10	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	4	2	1	...	1	...	...	...
25	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...
35	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
45	3	1	...	...	1	...	...	...
55	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
65	..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
and upw'rds								
	11	4	4	3	3		1	1
TOTALS...	15		7		3		2	





